की जिम्मेदारी मुख्यतया राज्य सरकार की है। तथापि, प्राप्त प्रस्तावों के गुण-दोष, आपसी प्राथमिकताओं और धन की उपलब्धता को ध्यान में रख कर केन्द्रीय वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की जाती है। इसके अतिरिक्त, उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार के अभिनिर्धारित बौद्ध परिपथ में आधारभूत सुविधाओं के विकास के लिए इन दोनों राज्यों को जापान सरकार के विदेशी आर्थिक सहयोग कोष के तहत वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की जा रही है।

राजगीर, नालन्दा और बोधगया में विमान क्षेत्रों और हवाई सेवाओं को आरंभ करने के लिए लाइसेंस देने का अभी कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Handing over of Small Airports to State Governments

59. Dr. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATIONA AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Airports Authority of India (N.A.A.I.) has drawn up a plan to hand over all small airports to State Governments as reported in the news item entitled: "Small Airports to be handed over to State Government" which appeared in the Indian Express, of the 11th September, 1992; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No proposal to hand over small airports to the State Government is under consideration of the Government. A proposal at the preliminary stage is under consideration in the National Airports Authority.

Agents to compete with I.A. reservation offices

60. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines authorities are allowing its Sales agents to compete with its own reservation offices;

(b) if so, the details of financial losses suffered annually on this account;

(c) whether this practice is under review by the Indian Airlines management; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Non-Functional Fire Fighting Equipment at Indira Gandhi International Airport

61. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fire fighting equipment installed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport is almost non-functional;

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry into the negligence in providing perfect fire fighting system at such an important and major airport in the country; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. Fire Fighting equipment has been provided and is functional in respect of:

(a) Safety of aircraft landing and taking off at the Airport.

(b) Safety of the passenger terminals.

(c) Safety of the Cargo Complex.

(b) No, Sir, However, there was an inquiry which was ordered by DGCA to investigate a specific instance of fire in the power house which feeds electricity to Terminal-II at IGI Airport.